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Mr. Allen Gina
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Dear Mr. Gina:

Effective October 1, 2000 the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the revised Commerce Form 7525-V (OMB No. 0607-0152) as the only paper Shipper's Export Declaration (SED) that is authorized for filing shipper's export information for exports out of the United States. The Census Bureau allowed a 180 day grace period to April 1, 2001 during which time the old paper Commerce Form 7525-V (OMB No. 0607-0018) and Commerce Form 7525-V-Alternate (Intermodal) could be used to file shipper's export information.

With the 180 day grace period deadline approaching, the Census Bureau is requesting that as of April 1, 2001, the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) only accept the newly revised Commerce Form 7525-V for exports out of the United States. Customs should not accept the old versions of the paper Commerce Form 7525-V or Commerce Form 7525-V-Alternate (Intermodal) effective April 1, 2001. Customs should take necessary and appropriate action to ensure the enforcement of this provision. Additionally, conveyances sailing on or after April 1, 2001 should only file the new Commerce Form 7525-V. Failure to comply with this provision is a violation of the Foreign Trade Statistics Regulations, Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 30, Section 30.95, "Penalties for violations."

Therefore, effective April 1, 2001 the only two acceptable methods for filing shipper's export information will be either the new paper Commerce Form 7525-V or via Automated Export System (including *AESDirect*). If you have any further questions regarding the enforcement of this provision, please contact Mr. Jerome Greenwell, Chief, Regulations, Outreach, & Education Branch on (301) 457-2238. Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

C. Harvey Monk, Jr.
Chief, Foreign Trade Division